



Georgia On My Mind

Monthly Newsletter of the ARRL Georgia Section



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- 7/16 - Atlanta ARC Antenna Build, 1pm
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Georgia on My Mind is a monthly newsletter of the ARRL, Georgia Section, highlighting the activities of Amateur Radio Operators and Clubs within the State.

To submit pictures, articles, or notices, please email the editor Karen Spradlin, K4LJS, at GeorgiaSectionARRL@gmail.com before the 5th of each month.

To see previous issues of **Georgia on My Mind**:

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New ARES Group

Elbert & Hart Counties - ARES

Just a note about what is happening here in Hart and Elbert with ARES.

We meet at 6 PM every second Monday. We have done 1 net on June 19 and had 9 check ins. Next week we conduct our net once a week each Monday at 7 PM. We plan on rotating Net Controller with each member.

We now have a website for the Elbert / Hart group. usrares.org Check it out!

We had an "Amateur Radio Booth" set up on the square in Hartwell for the 43rd Pre 4th deal. The purpose was to educate the public about amateur radio and to get some interest generated. Good event. Great crowd. We all had shirts and caps that grab attention.

We have scheduled a "Radio Day" at the Hart State Park here on Lake Hartwell. Mostly operators coming to get together, set up radios, play radio and fellowship.





We are very active with Skywarn out of GSP Regional Weather and still would like to link with some repeater to get into Peachtree City. The Forsyth repeater is a No Go. All of our members are trained Skywarn spotters.

Other than that, we have a great group. Small, but working. Elbert is installing a VHF/UHF radio in 911 this week. It is in addition to the EOC unit.

To join this fledgling group, contact [Joe Colvard](#) or [Tim Bohannon](#).

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE ARES



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hart and Elbert County ARES Mission

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service* (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. To that end, it is the mission of Hart and Elbert County ARES to serve as the coordinating point for amateur radio operators for the purpose of assisting our served agencies with communications operations in Hart and Elbert County in the event of a communications emergency.


Meetings Held Second Monday of Every Month | Elberton EOC | 6 pm

ARES Membership Requirements


Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible to apply for membership in ARES. Training may be required or desired to participate fully in ARES. Please inquire at the local level for specific information. Because ARES is an Amateur Radio program, only licensed radio amateurs are eligible for membership. The possession of emergency-powered equipment is desirable, but is not a requirement for membership.

When All Else Fails*

Amateur radio operators use their training, skills, and equipment to provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails. Hams serve our communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, including cell towers, and wired and wireless networks. Amateur radio can function completely independently of the internet and phone systems. An amateur radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Hams can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.



Hart County contact—**Joe Colvard** at signcat@bellsouth.net
Elbert County contact—**Tim Bohannon** at tbohannon@elbertcoes.org
Elberton Repeater 145.210 PL 118.8 | 444.700 PL 118.8



For more information usrares.org

Items of Note

The GoMM newsletter is sent out using an email list of Georgia ARRL members who have indicated they wish to receive such mailings. If you know of someone that would like to receive these emails, please send them the following instructions.

- 1) Log into the ARRL website
- 2) Click on your name, up on the top of the page.
- 3) Click on the 3 bars, on the left side, next to "My Account"
- 4) Scroll down the resulting list to find "Opt In / Out" and choose that option.
- 5) Once that page comes up, you will see what you are currently set to receive. By clicking the "Edit" button (top, right) you can add or remove items.
- 6) To be included in the mailing list for Georgia On My Mind, ensure that "Division and Section News" is included.

I know that is a bit involved, but...

HR-4006, you might note that the bill has been referred to the Committee on Energy & Commerce. I assume it'll be assigned to the Subcommittee on Communications & Technology. The Vice-Chairman of that subcommittee is Buddy Carter (GA-01) and another member of the subcommittee is Rick Allen (GA-12).

ARRL has been elected to serve on [SAFECON](#), a group of national thought leaders and officials within the emergency communications and response space that works to set standards used at every level. The program is managed by the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#) (CISA), an agency of the US Department of Homeland Security.

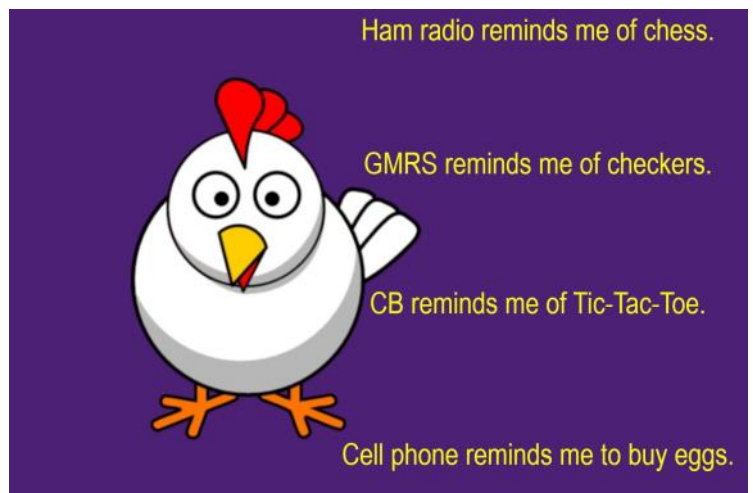
SAFECON sets the standards of interoperability procedures, and ARRL being a part of the group solidifies the Amateur Radio Service as a robust resource before and during times of crisis. In a letter from SAFECON Chair, Chief Gerald R. Rear-don said "On behalf of the SAFECON Executive Board, it is with great pleasure that I inform you of our offer to join SAFECON as a member association. SAFECON aims to improve multi-

jurisdictional and intergovernmental communications interoperability through collaboration with emergency responders and policymakers across federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and international partners. SAFECON recognizes the organization's dedication to emergency communications and interoperability, and therefore is pleased to extend a membership offer."

ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, said "Gaining a seat at the table is a major step in strengthening the role and capability of amateur radio with emergency communication agencies. This will give us the sounding board and resources we need to set standards and create training for our Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers that will better suit AHJ's (Agencies Having Jurisdiction) and partner organizations." The opportunity for ARRL to provide a more comprehensive Emergency Communications program is part of the goal the Board and ARRL leadership has begun to emphasize over the past few years, and this is one more example of the commitment to do so. ARRL will provide premier resources for the served agencies to support them in all phases of Emergency Management.

Johnston will serve as the Representative for ARRL on SAFECON and will be meeting with that leadership over the coming days to begin the process of better understanding all the roles and responsibilities that come with being a member association. "I look forward to working with the SAFECON leadership as we move forward and with the ARRL leadership to better serve the ham community and our served agencies and partners," Johnston said.

From "The ARES Letter" 6/21/23



Club Activities

Ellijay Amateur Radio Society

Our Club participated in the Ellijay, 4th of July Parade today. It gave us a chance to show off our trailer with new decals. Thanks to our members for joining us for the parade. Happy Independence Day from all of us here at Ellijay Amateur Radio Society.



Peachtree Road Race

Ken Wallis, KM4HOS, was the guy supplying wet bulb temperature data to the Peachtree Road Race directors. Dan Darsey, W4DED and Robert Swanson, KJ4AKA served as net controllers. Mike, AJ4GU, was in a shadow vehicle. Bravo Zulu!!! (ARC of Butts County)

ARES groups from around the metro Atlanta area pitched in to provide communications support for the Peachtree Road Race this morning. Here's how it went down from my perspective as an "embedded runner". Thanks to everyone involved. We used FM, DMR, and there was even GMRS in Piedmont Park. Thanks [Atlanta Radio Club](#) for the use of your repeaters.



Field Day Pictures!

The **Athens Radio Club** participated in Field Day at Fire station #7 in Athens. We bought more antennas this year hoping to improve on our performance from last year. We operated under the call sign W4H as a 3A station plus a GOTA station which was W4U. The GOTA station was a great success with 15 new operators and guests making contacts. We even had quite a few young operators in the mix as well.

We had more than 40 members and guests make their way through our field day station. It was great weekend to show off amateur radio. As a club, we have been working on making improvements to our operational setup for field day events with dedicated club go boxes, antennas and logging computers.



We had a very compact setup which allowed visitors to see all the action.

The club had 872 total

contacts with a projected total score of 4,228. The club also had large increases in digital and CW contacts this year. Overall field day for the Athens Radio Club was a success!!



Amateur Radio Club of Butts County

We've had an incredibly epic day and we've enjoyed so many tour groups coming through Jackson! One of the highlights today was showcasing the ham radio display at [Jackson Presbyterian Church](#)!



If you're not aware and this location is a big set for Stranger Things season four and it was fun to talk about all the 80s technology! For our tour guests who enjoyed cosplay in stranger things characters they had a real great time reminiscing how Dustin in Stranger Things operated his ham radio!

Coastal Amateur Radio Society

CARS set up again at the Savannah International Airport Rec center, we are old and AC is a plus in the southern heat. Over all 30 plus showed up at one time or another.

We set up and operated 4 stations, one CW, one FT8 and 658 SSB. We also had a 6m station, one Ph and three FT8 and finally a VHF station but no contacts there. We managed to spread out the antenna field as best we could to prevent interference. There were 200 CW contact and 122 FT8 contacts the rest SSB phone. Everyone had a great time either operating, setup or tearing down or just visiting. Ralph KM4MCL provided the food and treats.

Field Day Pictures!

Cherokee County

We had an outstanding Field Day event for the Cherokee Amateur Radio Society, Woodstock, GA. The Field Day was held at a farm in Taylorsville GA not far from Cartersville. We ran 6-Alpha as well as a GOTA station. Additionally, we had an educational event to teach people the skill in soldering needed for kit building. Using a printed circuit board designed by the club, we taught 20 people, some as young as 8 years old, to solder together a project. It produced a functional circuit with two flashing LED lights. We had stations running on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters in all modes.

The GOTA station was very popular and many of the 15 youth onsite that day made their very first ham radio contact. The daily tribune of Cartersville www.daily-tribune.com article by Marie Nesmith highlighted our activities with a special interest story about a 9 year old named Brooklyn Colding who made her first contact. Brooklyn is working on getting licensed and is very interested in all aspects for amateur radio. She is a member of the robotics club at her school and her interest in technology is expanding.

Attendance for the event exceeded 75 people for Saturday June 24th.



Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Power	Dig	Power	Phone	Power	Total	%
40	38	0	0	0	79	0	117	66
20	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	7
15	27	0	0	0	0	0	49	28
Total	65	0	0	0	91	0	178	100

Click the link at the lower left below to proceed to ARRL's on line submittal form.

On ARRL's form, manually type in the totals above, along with the maximum power you ran on each band. Remember to add any GOTA Station totals on the web form separately from these totals.

Then upload the dupe file you just created, by clicking the button on ARRL's form to the right.

Cabrillo log files are not required for Field Day. The .dup file is the only log file this software creates that ARRL requires you to submit for Field Day.

Cherokee Capital Amateur Radio Society

Field Day 2023 results have been reported. (This does not include the 24 GOTA station contacts on 40m.) Our unofficial score was 2008.

The very very best part of Field Day this year, three future hams worked the GOTA Station and where awarded with a GOTA pin and FD pin.

Coy Abney my grandson. Then Kelly's two grandsons, Ashton and Bentley.



Thanks to those who dropped by to visit, Our CPD officers, and others. Also to all the members who came out and operated.

Field Day Pictures!

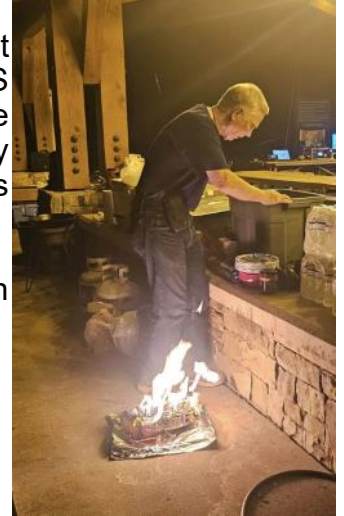
Dalton Amateur Radio Club



Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

This man is up and at'em at 0530 to create the GARS Field Day Breakfast. Please give Earl, AF4FG a hearty Thank You, for all he puts forth for this event.

And no, his pants aren't on fire!



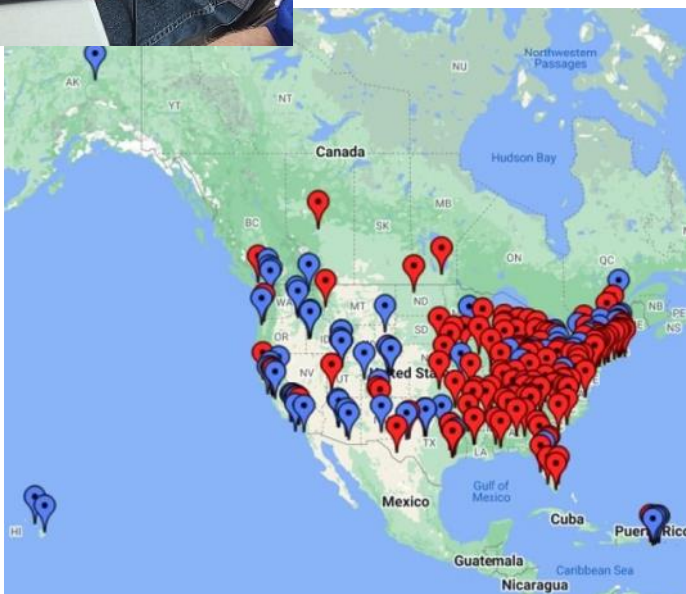
Fayette County Amateur Radio Club

Check out an article in [The Citizen](#), as well as our very own [YouTube video](#).



Ellijay Amateur Radio Society

Our 2023 Field Day statistics this weekend. We contacted 238 stations, in 47 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. We also worked multiple Canadian and Puerto Rico stations. This map shows a pin on each contacted station. Thanks for your hard work.



Field Day Pictures!

Jasper Radio Club



We had a good Field Day this year with 330 contacts and a total score 2000 points as a 1A club.



The WX4TC **Tri-County Amateur Radio Club** (Barrow, Hall & Jackson Counties) had summer field day at the Jackson Co fire training center in conjunction with the county EMA, ARES and Communication and Damage Assessment Team (CDAT).

Over 700 contacts were made including a Satellite contact and some CW contacts. Several new Hams made their first HF contacts and some kids made contacts also.

This was a great event and we look forward to the next one. For more info check us out at www.WX4TC.com.

North Georgia Tri-State Amateur Radio Club (GA, AL, TN)

How many hams does it take to put an antenna?



Field Day Pictures!

Thomasville Amateur Radio Club's participation in ARRL sponsored Field Day 2023. Field Day is an annual event held on the last full weekend in June, this usually means that it's hot and humid with a good chance of thunder showers. The rules are pretty lax and therefore the operating is not as intense as a contest would be. Even though it's not a contest and no awards are given out, the number of contacts add up to enhance the different teams scores where bonus points are awarded for offsite locations with alternate power supply and of course publicity in the media. This year T.A.R.C. set up for Field Day at the Thomasville Shriner Club House. This site was chosen for its remote location and therefore quite RF environment. The noise floor is substantially lower at Shriner Club than the Thomas County EOC in town where the RFI is random and outside of our control.



The setup crew worked to set up antennas in the heat on Saturday morning. It was HOT and very high humidity. The club house has AIR CONDITIONING. That is the main draw; we were tired of sweating just to put up quickly installed antennas. Pat-KO4IBP was our appointed SAFETY officer and she kept after everyone to keep

cool and drink plenty of fluids.

We had several radio stations setup and operational throughout the event. Each person had access to a complete setup for any band they wanted to operate on during the event. Jimmy, Larry and Homer operated SSB, They are members of the setup crew and happily making contacts. Homer-KN4UTJ and Larry—KG4YZF did setup close to each other but it worked. Jimmy's KK4QGN station pulled in contacts as well. John—W4FYN worked with Homer to make contacts. Bill-KO4LTG brought his Great Granddaughter—Ciera and some delightful peanut butter cookies. Overall we had a pretty good event. We enjoyed getting to-

gether and talking radio or whatever came up. Scott-KB0Y worked FT8/ FT4 on Andy's-NX4AC with his mini setup with the Icom 7000.

The final score is 1158 points. We had radio contact outside the continental US. With an average of 1,212 miles per contact. Not shabby for low power and short range antenna systems. Our DX contacts were to Canada with most everyone making several (Not counted as DX). As expected, the digital modes out paced the phone modes. The bands were crowded, and the pileups were hard to break through for any SSB work.

The top contact amount goes to Andy -NX4AC with 55 counted contacts in the log. Andy said he and Scott made more but the dupes cost them contacts. Remember to work them all and let the software worry about removing the duplicates. Scott - KB0Y was the second with 50 contacts in the log. Scott used NX4AC's station to make his contacts and they were on 20 meters and used FT8/FT4 mode on WSJT-X software. That helps explain the number of contacts by these two, as the FTX modes are really fast. Thanks to: KG4YZF—Larry, KN4UTJ—Homer, AK4QW—Eleanor, KO4LTG—Bill, Guest—Ciera, KO4IBP—Pat, W4FYN—John, NX4AC—Andy



Field Day Pictures!

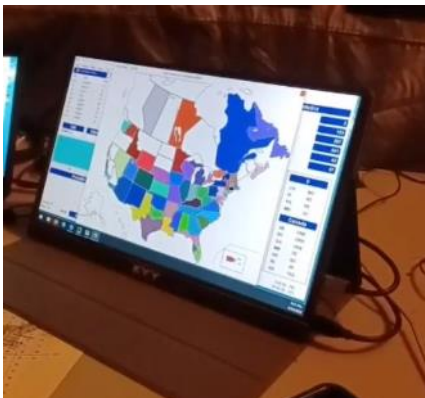
The **West Georgia Amateur Radio Society** (WGARS) held its 2023 Summer Field Day this weekend at the Little Tallapoosa Park, off highway 113, Carrollton, Georgia. Field Day is amateur radio's open house! Every June, more than 40,000 Amateur Radio Operators throughout North America set-up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate amateur radio's science, skill and service to communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in amateur radio.



At 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning, June 24, 2023, WGARS arrived at the park. The Experienced Amateur Radio Operators began directing set-up of all stations, with the assistance of the entire Club. Field Day is a twenty-four hour event, running from 2:00 p.m., Saturday to 2:00 p.m. Sunday. The Club set-up and manned five (5) regular stations, one (1) GOTA (Get On The Air)

station, four (4) station tents, and the following equipment: (2) ICOM 718, ICOM 7300, Yaesu FT991A and Kenwood TS480HX. The Club used homemade air cannons to launch several antenna lines in trees for support. Many air cannons can reach over 100 ft (30m). This allowed the Club to launch antennas high up in the trees, giving them the best possible reception. The park's tree lined canopy was the perfect.

Once the WGARS Club had all of the antennas and equipment set up, they were equipped to operate using Digital, Voice and CW (Morse Code) on bands 10m, 15m, 20m, 40m, 80m HF, and 100 watts on battery. The Team's goal was to make as many contacts as possible on the designated bands, learn to operate in abnormal conditions, learn as much as possible about Amateur Radio and to



make sure everyone had a great time.

With an abundance of experience in the WAGRS Club, Brian KM4UPX, gave an excellent educational session on Tuning Antennas using a "NanoVNA-H4". The entire event had great participation, with Amateur Radio Operators coming from Alabama, Ohio, Missouri, and, of course, Georgia. There were also several non-licensed hopefuls experiencing the airways for the first time.



Later Saturday evening, to fend off mosquitoes and the evening's cool air, the Club built a large campfire and provided sustenance. The Club Members came prepared with campers, tents and the necessary gear to endure 24 hours at their stations. Radio Operators pushed through making contacts the entire 24 hours. Paige KN4GHU is one of our youngest and most talented Amateur Radio Operators. KN4GHU, along with an eager non-licensed participant watching, made contact with NASA's Johnson Space Center during the night. Oh, my goodness! What a thrill that was for KN4GHU, who manned her station until around 2:30 a.m and returned to her station again around 7:00 a.m. Scott, KK4Z, manned his station until 4:00 a.m. Sunday morning in his fully equipped Inteck Flyer Camper. Brian WX4BK picked up his mic in the wee hours of early Sunday morning to keep the Club on the air. All Radio Operators were back manning their stations by 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning. By the end of this event, despite Solar Storms, Atmospheric and Proximal interference Noise, the WGARS Club made over 600 contacts throughout the United States, Canada, Spain, and Italy. What a great 24 hours!

Field Day! It is about the experience!

If you would like to view some videos of field day, there are several snippets available at facebook.com/wgars and also on youtube at KK4Z.

West Georgia Amateur Radio Society would like to thank the following:

Tim Padgett, Carroll County Emergency Mngt.
Little Tallapoosa Park, Carroll County, Georgia

Club News

Atlanta ARC Event

Join Sunday July 16th at 1PM for a good old fashioned antenna build. We'll be building something like a 20m or 40m dipole. You'll learn the math and science involved. Build it and take it home. Great opportunity for new hams to gain some knowledge on building a dipole antenna from our very Bill Perkins KB4KFT. Please let Bill KB4KFT or John N3ACK know you are planning to come so that we can make sure to have enough parts and pieces. Can always use some extra hands even if you're not building one yourself.

Drinks and snacks will be provided. We'll be located on the hill above the Tree Top Quest where we normally hold our 2nd Sunday sessions. Please email us at president@atlantaradioclub.org and RSVP

Cherokee County

In breaking news, Dr. Cassondra Zielinski, the STEM teacher at Mountain View Elementary School in Cherokee County has passed her Technician Class exam and plans to proceed to higher class licensing. She is the host for an upcoming direct contact with the ISS now scheduled for the week of April 15, 2024. Dr. Z (as the kids call her) plans to incorporate more radio-related learning in her STEM classes. She was most recently a guest speaker at a teacher's event at the Kennedy Space Center.

Fayette County

I (Steve White, KA8MKX) activated Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge, K-0493, today. It is located near Lawton, OK, opposite Fort Sill Army post. The refuge has free range Buffalo, Elk, Long horn cattle, and various other animals to include Deer and Prairie Dogs. Mount Scott is where I activated which has an elevation of 2500 feet. I was using my x6100 at 10 watts with my Alpha Antenna with a 7 section, 9 foot mil spec whip. I had "10 and done" QSOs.

Fort Sill is an artillery practice range. During my ops we could occasionally hear a very rapid fire cannon with the explosions there after. Reminds me of an A-10 Warthog cannon.

Southeast Amateur Radio Association.

The SARA club is based in Twin City, GA with members from Emanuel, Candler, Toombs, and Bulloch counties in Southeast GA. The SARA club hosts a net every Monday evening at 20:00 hrs. on the N4SFU 147.000+ pl 156.7 repeater. You do not have to be a member to check in and all are welcome to participate.

SARA also holds a monthly meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month at Bevricks steakhouse in Metter, Ga at 6:00 pm to eat and the meeting shortly thereafter, again you do not have to be a member to participate and the public is always welcome.

We held a joint ARRL field day event with the STARS club from Statesboro, GA with 3 stations with 1 being a GOTA station.

As a club, we regularly have cookouts, POTA events, & Summer/Winter Field Day

73,

Jonah Riner - KE4PMP

SARA Vice-President

SERA Vice-Director



NW District use of Digital Communications

There are two modes for handling traffic in Emergency communications. Voice and digital.

We use these capabilities in the NW-GA District in emergencies and Public Service events.

The **SORBA**, this is a bicycle race that we do January and February each year. We have eight stations set up from one end of the course to the other to handle traffic for this race. 250- 450 Riders will enter. IC-Hank (K4HYJ)

The Georgia Death Race.

This was our 11th year running this race. We keep up with each and every Runner on a spreadsheet and send it to the finish line and all stations forward of the aid station you are working. 375 runners in a 70 5 Mile One Way race, with 35,000 ft of rise and fall over the mountains of North Georgia. US Forestry will not permit this race unless Ham Radio is there to track all the runners. IC-Frank (K4SJR)

Georgia Games

A bicycle race in Bartow County that consists of a track on the pavement of 20 mile loops. This race consists of net control operator station along the course. And Sag wagon Riders. They will run anywhere from 1 to five laps on a 20 mile course.

This is a wonderful exercise and it emulates you riding along with Fire Rescue, Sheriff's Office and EMTs. You need a complete working station on emergency power to ride along for several hours.

IC- Charles (WA4QYY)

The Georgia Jewel

This will be our 18th year of handling Communications with the Jewel. This is an 18, 35, 50, and 100 Mile foot race Across the North West District. We track several hundred runners by Packet radio or FM VARA. This race was put on Packet 14 years ago. With all of the Gateways and Digipeaters in the District this race goes very smoothly with communications. Over the years we have set up Portable repeaters for voice. We also set up two Digipeaters on Johns Mountain in the middle of the course. IC-Hank (K4HYJ)

All of these Public Service events are run on emergency power in the wilderness. They are great opportunities to deploy and practice your capabilities in case of a real emergency.

The North West Georgia ARES District has a weekly net on the 146.805 repeater every Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. We run between 60 and 65 check-ins each week.

The digital Nets are designed to expand your capabilities and handling traffic.

Prior to this net, starting at 6:00 and running to 8:00 p.m. we run a P2P Winlink HF VARA net. Two stations in 80 meters and one on 10 meters.

Friday night at 7:00 p.m. a task list is sent out to be returned by Packet or FM VARA.

We run around 40 check-ins each week.

We started off a couple of months ago testing our capabilities on VHF and UHF. Each person that was participating was to send in a message using as many Gateways & Digipeater pathways as they could. We had a couple of people find 40 different pathways out of 13 Gateways and six Digipeaters to send a message to W4NWG. All of our Gateways are set up to DIGI in case of loss of Internet. With all the different pathways, on the repeater net one week we had over 400 check-ins!

We are currently running a weekly Winlink net. When you check in to W4NWG you will be sent a list of three different tasks to complete and send back by 7:00 p.m. Tuesday.

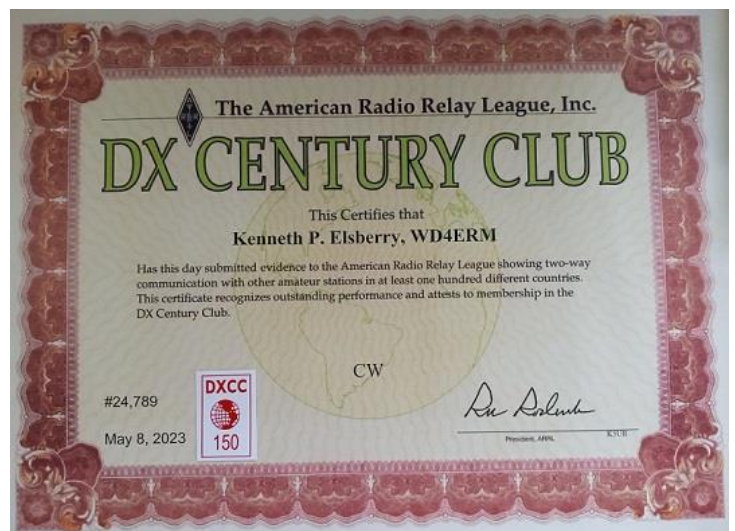
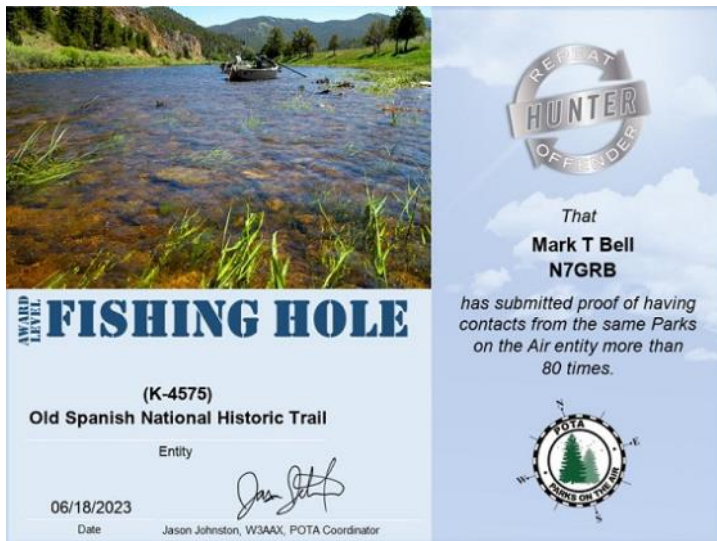
The task consists of using different forms within the Winlink system, sending a photo via Ham Radio, and also sending a text message to the net control via Radio.

All of the tasks are things that would be used in an Emergency, a Drill Public Service event or MCV exercise.

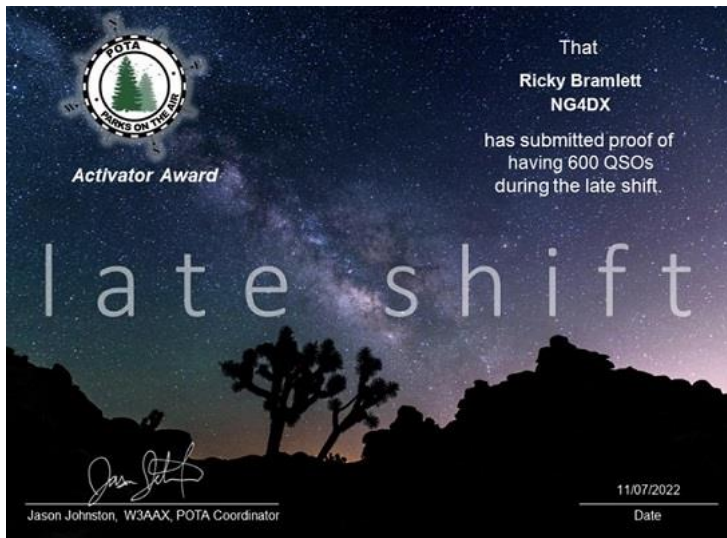
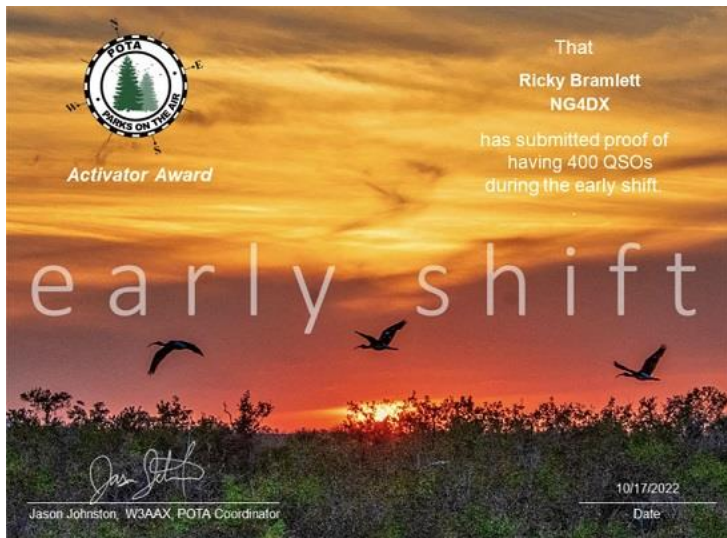
If you would like to be part of this weekly exercise or would like to participate in any of these Public Service events please contact.

Felton Floyd, DEC NW District, AF4DN
af4dn@arrl.net

Awards



Dots, Dashes & Tidbits



Georgia Section Nets

ARES Phone & Digital Nets

Note: GA ARES Net information can be found at gaares.org – Select Nets & Frequencies

Georgia Section ARES Net:

Section Net Manager – Frank Hobbs, KN4QJ

kn4qj@arri.net

Net control operator – Frank Hobbs, KN4QJ

Alt. net control operator – Jim Altman, W4UCK

Georgia Section ARES Digital Nets:

Section Digital Net Manager, Don Jones, K4GO

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Digital Team Leaders also serve as net control operators.

Winlink Team Lead, Russell Prevost, AB4QQ

Net control operators: Brian Freeman KN4DLT, Mark Bell N7GRB, Bill Hall K9HRO, David Blubaugh, ND1J

PSK & Traffic Nets Team Lead, Del Davis, W4DEL

Net control operators: Bob Garza K4TLG, Don Jones K4GO Ken Wallis KM4HOS, Richard Austin W4BYT

D-RATS Net Team Lead, Hank Blackwood, K4HYJ

Net control operators: Rial Sloan AI4ZV, Brian Freeman KN4DLT, Ed Walraven KM4IOA, Carter Grant KN4KBL

A.R.E.S. Monthly Report for June 2023

Number of DEC/ECs reporting - 51

Number of ARES nets - 1580

Nets with NTS liaison - 5

Number of Exercises &

Training Sessions - 572 (4375 hrs.)

Number of Public Service events - 19 (971 hrs.)

Number of Emergency Operations - 2 (6 hrs.)

Number of SkyWarn Operations - 21 (112 hrs.)

Total of Exercises & Events 614

Total of person hours 5464

Last Minute Additions



Members of the newly formed ARES groups in Elbert and Hart Counties gathered on Saturday, July 15th, to cook out and activate the park at Lake Hartwell. Pictured are Josh Gosnell, W4GOG; Joe Galvard, KD4SJC; Alex Valderrama, KQ4GPR;

Hamfest Reminder:

Stone Mountain Hamfest , ARRL Georgia State Convention

Type: Hamfest/Convention -11/04/2023 – 11/05/2023

Location: Lawrenceville, GA., GA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Alford Memorial Radio Club

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Huntsville Hamfest, ARRL Alabama State Convention

Type: ARRL Convention - 08/19/2023 – 08/20/2023

Location: Huntsville, AL

Sponsor: Huntsville Hamfest Association

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